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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members and dear Senator DiAnna Schimek, I like your bill, I like your amendment. I'm going to vote for it. I hope everyone else will, too. Thank you.

(Laughter)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Tyson would move to amend. (See FAI on page 351 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Tyson, to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I...this may be a record. I am not amending all of one word. I'm on line 19. My amendment merely strikes "odd" and subsi....pardon me. Scratch that. We...yeah, we strike "even" and add "odd". The purpose of this, and I've discussed it with Senator Schimek and I don't think she likes the amendment all that well, but an even-numbered year is the year 2000; an odd-numbered year is the year 1999. I think that this is an excellent bill and I compliment Senator Schimek on bringing it forward. I think, however, that if it's a good idea to have it in December 1st, the year 2000, I think it's a better idea to have it to begin December the 1st of this year. They have the interim in which to prepare their report. I think a good portion of that is possible, I think all of that is possible, and I ask that we merely move this forward one year because we all understand that committees, boards, commissions get a life of their own. I'll mention that in 1917, because fighter aircraft were made of spruce, they worried about having enough spruce trees to supply the need for all those Newport Pups and Spads and Sopworth Camels, so they began a Bureau for the Propagation of the Spruce. I think it finally died in the seventies and, of course, as you all know, they started making aircraft of steel and aluminum during World War I, but they were still planting spruce trees to take care of those Spads and Sopworth Camels into the seventies and we were paying for it all. There's similar things here in the state of Nebraska and I don't know what they are. This would let me learn a year ahead